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POLLY.

By Addison Allen.

Some years ago, one whom I had not previously known to be my enemy sent me a parrot. When first seen by me the bird inhabited a cage about a foot square, and on the under side of its roof was walking around and cursing everything in sight in three languages. On one side of the cage was a food-cup containing two or three crackers and several human fingers, ears, and scalps. On the other side was a drinking-cup filled with clotted gore. I gathered from the bird's actions and remarks that he was in an unchristian frame of mind. I, therefore, instructed my wife to remove him to a larger cage which we had prepared, and withdrew, as the sight of bloodshed is always distasteful to me. It was afterwards told me that the bird in process of removal not only used language unbecoming a gentleman, but tore three strips of leather from my wife's nose, which he then wove into a mat for his cage.

In the course of time, we became better acquainted with Polly, so that we learned to love him; and my family and I spent many happy hours in observing him in his gymnastic exercises, listening to his improving remarks, et cetera. His disposition was pre-eminently social, and he held a passion for shaking hands. The amiable visitor would insert a finger in the cage, and shake hands cordially until the guest sometimes lost all pleasure in the ceremony. Some visitors did not attempt to conceal their impatience to go away while shaking hands with Polly.

Although Polly never openly professed religion, he was of a devotional nature, and his conversation was largely in reference to the future state of sinful souls. His observations were weighty and forcefully delivered, as were also the missiles discharged at him to intercept their flow. Patent leather shoes were a favorite projectile with me at first, but Polly soon learned to catch them in his beak and make hash of them without interrupting his flow of eloquence; and I fell back on other articles of bric-a-brac.

Polly was not lacking in the finer feelings of his sex; he admired feminine beauty as represented by Biddy Higgins, our cook, and frequently pursued her across the verdant sward back of the kitchen, in the endeavor to secure some anatomical specimen whose rare beauty and graceful outline he might admire at his leisure.

His honorable motives were always misconstrued by the coy maiden, who incontinently fled at each approach, and the ensuing display of agility by both parties beggars descriptions. It was my practice, just before Biddy's hanging out clothes in the yard on Mondays, to invite a select party of friends, and after seeing them safely up a tree, cautiously to liberate Polly with a long pole. The entertainment that invariably followed was of the highest order.

We knew from the first that Polly possessed a thoughtful mind, and we thought it highly probable that he had received a college education, but we had no idea what an inordinate fondness for books he had until one night when he escaped from his cage.

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and made his way to the library. Like the religious bird he was, he referred first to the family Bible, unearthing it from its enshrouding dust with the fire-shovel. He devoured it slowly, page by page, with great relish. When he had finished he took the major portion of Gladstone's "Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture" and the whole of Balfour's "Foundations of Relief." He then followed with Baxter's "Saints' Rest" and the "Paradise Lost," taking a few pages of Webster's Dictionary as a side dish. Then he made a sandwich of Tennyson's poems, Bradshaw's guide, and the Brooklyn directory. Next he took alternate mouthfuls of Gibbon's "Decline and Fall," and the works of Old Sleuth. Feeling then a taste for higher literature, he turned his attention to a book of wall-paper samples.

Next morning the cheerless rays of the winter sun stole through the shutters and rested on a mass of plumage that should never flutter more; or claws that nevermore should climb; on a beak forever dumb. Preserved by taxidermy, he sits beside a bust of Socrates, and opinions are quite evenly divided as to which looks the wiser. And when Biddy Higgins leaves that room she backs out, with her eye on the late lamented.

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A chamber maid in the Central hotel had several fits of an epileptic nature last evening, and for a time fears were entertained that she would not survive. Eventually, however, the care of a physician restored her to normal condition.

Joseph Phillips of this city is in receipt of a letter from his brother Harry, who has been in Alaska for several years. The letter comes from Dawson City, and says in part: "I have done fairly well this summer—that is, I have worked at \$10 per shift all summer. Now, that will sound like big pay to you, but if you understood the country and conditions you would think nothing of it. I will give you an illustration: I have been sick, and have had to pay a doctor \$10 per visit; my old prescription \$2 or more, and other things in proportion. So you see wages are no more than conditions demand. I saw the account of Joe Leonard's death. We have experienced a temperature of 43 degrees below, but winter has not yet fairly set in." The remainder of the letter is of a private nature.

To The Public.

Having assumed the management of the saloon known as the La Tosca we beg leave to state that it shall be our aim at all times to sell only the best goods and to assure to all of our patrons courteous treatment. A concert will be given every evening by the best musical talent to be procured on the coast, and in every possible manner we shall endeavor to make our house attractive to the public.

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WEST SIDE NOTES.

Rev. William S. Short held a regular service in St. Thomas chapel Friday evening. On Monday, St. Thomas day, a special service was held at 1 p. m.

Fred Bidwell went to San Francisco last week where he will remain until after the holidays with his mother.

Miss C. V. Hess will spend the holidays in Portland.

Miss Belle Brown returned to her home in Portland last Saturday. She has been making a long visit with her sister, Mrs. Harman Cables at Skipperton.

Rev. Levi Johnson held services in Warren's hall Sunday evening. Mr. Johnson resides in Portland.

Hon. W. C. Carnahan was in Skipperton Wednesday to vote for state senator.

Miss Cora Johnson will spend her holidays at her Hillsdale home.

Frank Sweeney and George Warren have gone to Mexico to look over the business prospects.

The children of school district No. 2 will enjoy a Christmas tree in the school room Thursday afternoon, to which all are invited. Warrenton schools also have a Christmas tree the same afternoon. And in the evening the Sunday school will observe the event in Warren's hall where the sessions of the school are held.

Fred Blaisdell has just returned from La Grande, whither he went to see John Stalker, formerly of this county, who was suffering with typhoid fever and Bright's disease and expected to die. Mr. Blaisdell was too late in arriving, his friend having passed away the day previous.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Clatsop County, Oregon, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of May H. Smith, deceased, and letters testamentary have been duly issued to him as such executor. All persons having claims against said deceased are requested to present the same, properly verified, to the undersigned, at Warrenton, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 19th of December, 1903.

GOLDWIN T. SMITH,
Executor.

12-22-03.

Under date of the 20th inst. a correspondent sent to this office a letter in which he makes the following reference to the dredge Chinook: "The Chinook like an Indian, is a little dirty. For a long time they have been lying off Smith's Point dredging themselves, and it has been darkly whispered that once or twice they fetched the bar a terrible clip that made things rattle. As I said before, the Chinook is in a bad situation. If they lay where they are they will go to pieces on the middle sands, and if they tie up to an Astoria dock the fire department will clean them out in fifteen minutes. There is no safe place for the Chinook unless they could go far away and dredge themselves into some land-locked harbor where nobody would hurt them and they would be at rest." The correspondent then goes on to criticize the officers and crew of the vessel, but gives no reason for his criticism. The commander of the Chinook is a splendid sailor, and any such attempt as that of the correspondent whose letter is given above must not be taken seriously.

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